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RECORDATION NO.

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Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing of Locomotives
BNSF 1998-A

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of each of the two primary documents described below and the two secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

(1) Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-A), dated as of April 15, 1999, between Wilmington Trust Company, as lessor (the "*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "*Lessee*"); and

(2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-A), dated as of April 15, 1999, between Wilmington Trust Company, as owner trustee (the "*Owner Trustee*"), and First Security Bank, National Association, as indenture trustee (the "*Indenture Trustee*").

The secondary documents are as follows:

(1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-A), dated as of April 15, 1999, between the Lessee and the Lessor; and

(2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-A), dated as of April 15, 1999, between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-A) and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-A) are connected are the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-A) and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-A), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

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The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Indenture Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

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MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Indenture Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of one hundred four dollars (\$104.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Karl T. Williams, Esq.
Chapman and Cutler
111 West Monroe
Chicago, Illinois 60603

A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-A) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated as of April 15, 1999, covering locomotives bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-A) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, 79

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South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated as of April 15, 1999, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to locomotives bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-A) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated as of April 15, 1999, covering locomotives bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee dated as of April 15, 1999, which is filed concurrently herewith.

(4) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-A) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated as of April 15, 1999, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to locomotives bearing reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee, dated as of April 15, 1999, which is filed concurrently herewith.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3892).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

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Enclosures

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EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
General Electric Company Dash 9-44CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	25	BNSF 4720 through BNSF 4744, inclusive

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MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNSF 1998-A)


Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, made and entered into as of April 15, 1999, by and between Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Trustee, a Delaware banking corporation, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-A), dated as of April 15, 1999 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain locomotives bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, not in its
individual capacity, but solely as Owner
Trustee

By 
Name: Charlotte Paglia
Title: Financial Services Officer

Executed on this 15 day of April, 1999.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this ____ day of April, 1999.

**MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNSF 1998-A)**

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WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, not in its
individual capacity, but solely as Owner
Trustee

By _____
Name:
Title:

Executed on this ____ day of April, 1999.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY


By 
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this 12th day of April, 1999.

STATE OF DELAWARE)
)
COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE) SS.:

On this, the 9th day of April, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared CHARLOTTE PAGLIA, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Financial Services Officer WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April 1, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.


Name: KATHERINE C. JANNUZZIO
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS.:

KATHERINE C. JANNUZZIO
NOTARY PUBLIC - DELAWARE
My Commission Expires Apr. 29, 2000

On this, the _____ day of April, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April __, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the _____ day of April, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April __, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

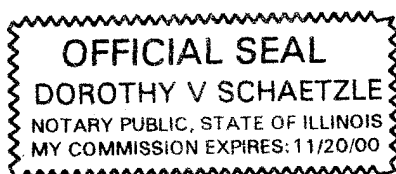
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF COOK)

On this, the 12TH day of April, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April 12, 1999 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Dorothy V. Schatzle
Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/20/00
Residing in Lake In The Hills

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